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REMARKS

In order to be responsive to the election or restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action, applicants hereby elect the claims of invention Group II, that is, claims 58-63¹. Also, the restriction requirement sets forth two species for which claims 25, 53, and 57 are generic, including Species I, Figures 2B and 2C, and Species II, Figures 2D and 2E. The species applicants desire to be prosecuted is depicted primarily in Figures 5, 7A and 8-11, rather than either of the two listed species.

This election is made with traverse for the following reasons: The key aspects of claims 58-63 though in method form, are similar to the key aspects of claims 25-37 and 53-57. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 25-37 and 53-63, though different in scope, are nonetheless sufficiently similar to merit examination in the same application, as they share dominant elements. Examination of all claims 25-37 and 53-63 in the same application would not pose a serious burden under M.P.E.P. § 803 because there is commonality of dominant elements between the claims of Groups I and II. In a balance of the equities, the burden and cost to

¹Applicants note that the restriction requirement listed claim 58 with Group I drawn to a fence system. However, since claim 58 is a method claim, claim 58 more appropriately belongs with the claims of Group II drawn to a method.

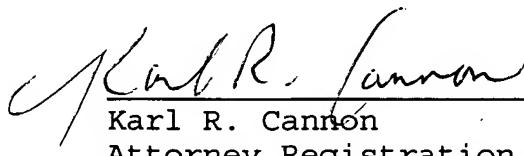
applicants of prosecuting separate applications to inventions having common dominant elements appears to outweigh the burden on the Examiner to search and examine the present application as a unitary invention. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the election or restriction requirement be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, applicants believes that claims 25-37 and 53-63 are all allowable and the same is respectfully requested. If any impediment to the allowance of these claims remains after entry of this Response, and such impediment could be alleviated during a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to initiate the same.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Response to Deposit Account No. 50-0836.

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